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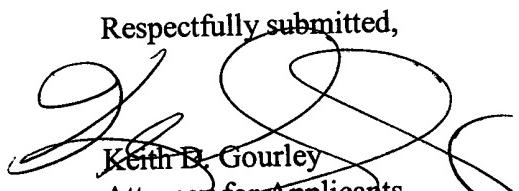
This paper is in reply to an Office Action mailed on February 24, 2003. The above-mentioned patent application, filed on January 14, 2002, presents Claims 1 through 28, inclusive. The Examiner has lodged a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121, stating the patent application presents the following distinct inventions:

Group I, which presents Claims 1-21, inclusive, drawn to a polyarylene ether polymer, classified in class 525, subclass 390, and

Group II, which presents Claims 22 through 28, inclusive, drawn to a method for providing a substrate with a film, classified in class 427, subclass 487.

Applicants elect without traverse to prosecute the invention according to Group I (Claims 1 through 21, inclusive) in the present patent application. Therefore, Claims 23-28, inclusive, have been canceled pursuant to this restriction requirement. Applicants expressly reserve the right to prosecute the invention of Group II in a separate patent application.

Applicants acknowledge their obligation under 37 CFR 1.48(b) to review inventorship of the pending patent application in view of cancellation of the Claims to the non-elected invention. The inventorship of the pending claims has been reviewed and no amendment of inventorship is required due to cancellation of the Claims of Group II drawn to the non-elected invention. Believing the application is in condition for allowance, Applicants solicit an action to that effect.

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